MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*i 22-6-1109/4 2-1934.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) 8·30 A. M.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The staff of the Royal Stables.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) The General Hospital, Trivandrum,

(*i*) Dr. Jacob Thaliath M. B and B. S., (Bombay), F. R. C. S. (London), and Dr. S. Christian L. M. and S.

(*j*) At about 8·45 A. M.

(*k*) He was not admitted into the hospital as he was found to be dead when he was taken to the hospital.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know, Sir, whether this case is included in the two casualties, referred to by Government, by electric shock ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes. This is one of the cases referred to.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know, Sir, whether he was given any first aid when he got the shock at the Royal Stables ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : What was the nature of the first aid ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the member whether there is any first aid cars belonging to the Electric Department ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know from the member with reference to part (*i*) what is meant by saying that so and so attended on him when he was taken to the hospital, when it is said that he was dead on the way before he reached the hospital ?

PRESIDENT : They found him dead.

Electric supply service connection to the Royal Stables.

223. ***MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how the support wire to the iron post in the premises of the Royal Stables, by touching which one Mr. P. G. Krishna Pillai died of electric shock, got charged ;

(*b*) whether the service connection to the Royal Stables was taken from the supply lines connected to that post ;

(*c*) what type of insulation and protection was provided for the service connection from the post to the main switch-board at the Stables ;

(*d*) whether any insulating tube-ends or bushes have been used for the service connections ;

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(*e*) whether it is not necessary to have such bushes inserted at the ends of conduit pipes through which cables are taken ; and

(*f*) whether or not such precaution is taken in the wiring of the Kowdiyar Palace ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The support wire was live due to leakage of current.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The service lines are taken from the post by properly insulated shackles. The service lines are of lead covered V. I. R., extra protection being afforded by effective earthing.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes, when conduit pipes are used.

(*f*) The question does not arise as the service in this case is by means of underground cable.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know, Sir, whether the Electric Department repaired the leakage in the Royal Stables some time before ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice, Sir.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know, Sir, whether ordinarily this lead-casing is the protection given to lines, to cables or iron tubes, used for conducting the cables ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I do not follow. I claim notice.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether it is not likely that the casing in these lines is likely to be damaged, owing to weather ?

PRESIDENT : It is only a matter of opinion.

Complaints against the Midwife, Anna Mathew, in the Women and Children's Hospital, Taikad.

224. ***MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be plased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a midwife by name Anna Mathew in the Women and Children's Hospital, Taikad ;

(*b*) whether there were complaints against her by the patients or the relatives of patients ;

(*c*) whether she has received any kind of departmental punishment for her conduct towards patients ;

(*d*) whether she is a Roman Catholic ;

(*e*) whether she told one Mr. K. R. Das (Aloomood, Statue Road) that he is a sinner, and that he is suffering so much, because he an L. M. S. Christian, married a Roman Catholic girl ; and

(*f*) whether midwife Anna Mathew scolded the patient E. Ponnamma in the presence of other midwives, when Ponnamma cried aloud on account of pain on the 17th, 18th or 19th December 1933 ?

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